(c) According to the available information 35,871 cases were pending with the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) as on 31st March, 2002. In addition, 1514 cases are pending in BIFR and 61 cases are pending in AAIFR as on 31st March, 2002.

Imported goods under Vigilance Rules

85. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission has written to the Central Board of Excise and Customs (C.B.E.C.) to allow valuation of imported goods to be brought under Vigilance Rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons adduced by the C. VC. in support thereof;

(c) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has also raised the matter in its latest report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission has not tendered any such advice.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Widening of Tax-Net

86. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to introduce new rules to widen the tax-net and plug rampant tax evasion in the country as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 30th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the new rules are likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) There is no proposal as of now to introduce any new rules to widen the tax-net.